

# THE JOURNAL.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1918.

Communications to insure insertion in the next issue, should be in hand on Monday; if lengthy, on Thursday preceding issue-day. Advertisements of whatever class, should be in hand by noon, Tuesday.

Advertisements under this head 15 cts. a line first insertion, 10 cts. a line each subsequent insertion.

—Warm weather last week.

—F. M. Sackett of Albion is in the city.

—Ed. Fitzpatrick is agent for the Inter Ocean.

—All quiet in the police court the past week.

—Some splendid weather during the last few days.

—The Plunketts were playing in Lincoln last week.

—Dealers are beginning to offer winter apples for sale.

—Preaching at Grace Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

—McAuley will probably leave this country in a few days.

—How easy it is to fight a man of straw!—F. Peculiar Burgess.

—It is ever un-wise to try to put a man down by "lying" on him.

—When you see (the most of) auley had to say, what does it amount to?

—Elvira G. Platt orders the address of her Lincoln to Oakland, Calif.

—H. J. Hudson and C. A. Speice returned from Lincoln Saturday evening.

—Prayer meeting at the M. E. Church this city, every Thursday evening.

—Mr. Ed. Polley and Jos. Woods of Seward passed the Sabbath in the city.

—Every species of hardware at Wiggin's, prices away down, to suit the times.

—L. Kramer is down from Silver Creek, and reports much loss by prairie fires.

—Tens of thousands of dollars will not cover the recent losses by prairie fire in this vicinity.

—D. A. Lord is about to establish a sheep ranch for the winter about three miles north of city.

—Mr. M. Vogel has contracted with J. O. Shannon for the erection of a stable and ice-house 14x34.

—Prairie fire ran through A. N. Briggs's ten-year-old grove of trees in Butler Co., destroying them.

—There can be no proper and effective regulation of the currency, except through coin redemption.

—Prof. Knowles delivered lectures on temperance Thursday and Friday nights at the Congregational church.

—S. P. Bollman, Esq., Treasurer of Boone Co., was in the city yesterday on his way to Lincoln on official business.

—Dr. Christensen's window is ornamented by a very ingeniously-made transparent sign, the work of his own hands.

—Not that a number of the political opponents of Jno. Wise, say of McAuley's card in the last Era. Lies always come home to roost.

—Hon. Loran Clark and wife of Albion, have been visiting for a short time, Mrs. G. W. Stevens of this city, sister of Mrs. Clark.

—An exchange says that its contemporary heads its local department "Nits," to show that the locals are from the editor's own head.

—A new restaurant will soon be opened by Collins & Martin on 13th street in their new building which is being fitted up for that purpose.

—Miss Freddie Langhoff of Omaha, who has been visiting friends in Columbus for several weeks past, returned to her home on Monday.

—A. L. Brainard, Esq., the new editor and proprietor of the Boone Co. Argus, called at JOURNAL headquarters yesterday. Success to him.

—Rumor has it that an old man by the name of Aikins, near Silver Creek, was so badly burned in a recent prairie fire, that he will surely die.

—The card signed by C. A. Newman, L. Staab, Henry Wilke, Patrick Brennan and others is a clear effort to the living card of one McAuley in the last Era.

—Father Cassidy, of New York, has located in this city, and will in the future assist Father Ryan in his ministerial labors within the limits of his charge.

—Dr. Slaughter, elder on the Omaha District, conducted the services at the M. E. Church this city, last Sabbath and delivered an excellent discourse.

—A young son made his appearance at Will T. Rieky's Oct. 15th, 9 p. m., the third child and second boy. All parties, doing well, including the father.

—Mr. R. A. Nunnelly and wife returned from the south on Wednesday last week, and immediately went up the valley to their friends in Boone county.

—Rev. J. A. Hood was in the city Thursday last week. He was returning from Synod held at Hastings this state, over which body he presided as moderator.

—Wild geese are making their appearance much later than they did last fall, but now are quite plenty, and goose shooting is just now the sensation among sportsmen.

—A prairie fire on the 16th inst., between this city and Schuyler destroyed a farm house, barn, crops and stock, and the occupant, named Pollack, was burned to death.

—The demand for houses to rent far exceeds the supply in Columbus. A good investment would be the erection of comfortable tenement houses in any part of the city.

—C. L. Wundt and wife of Burlington, Ia., and M. E. Stevens and wife, of Boone county, this State, have for several days been with their relative, S. O. Raymond.

—F. Gerder & Co., successors to M. Weaver, will remove to V. Kummer's new brick building on 11th street, in a few days. Give them a call, if you need furniture.

—Rev. S. P. Bollman of Albion tells us that the Argus has changed hands having been purchased by Mr. Brainard, Washington Co., this State.

—A fire across the Loup south of the city on Thursday of last week did considerable damage to young timber and burned about fifty cords of dry wood belonging to Mr. John Rieky.

—John McGinchy, the operator on the Western Union line, is about to remove the residence part of his building on Nebraska Avenue, to the rear, and erect an addition to his office.

—At the fire at R. W. Young's the other day, two lads, one a son of R. W.'s, the other, Hughey Compton of this place, came very nearly losing their lives while fighting the fire.

—We are glad to note the return of Mrs. Page, and hope that she will find substantial encouragement enough among lovers of music, to induce her to make Columbus her future home.

—Now make arrangements for the passage of the long winter nights—organize literary societies, debating clubs, drama clubs, and otherwise prepare for rational and profitable employment.

—No service at the Congregational church next Sabbath. Rev. Sherman is away attending the General Association, now in session at Fremont. Sabbath school will be held at the usual hour.

—An alarm of fire issued from the Lindell House Monday evening and the Engine Company were promptly on hand. No damage done. The alarm was occasioned by the explosion of an oil lamp.

—If there ever was any doubt of Loveland's election, it has been dispelled by the nomination of Mr. Sperry, and we fail to see wherein that nomination strengthens the prospect of Mr. Crites.

—Mr. J. C. Austin, who has resided among us for some time, and who gained general respect in this community, left here on the 20th inst. for Mexico. He proposed to make the trip on horseback.

—A farmer of Sherman precinct has sent us a statement of the cost of raising ten acres of wheat, but fails to give the number of bushels raised. We should be pleased to have him complete his statement.

—A raffle for a very handsome silver mounted revolver for the benefit of the widow of General John Neil will take place Thanksgiving day in Omaha. Tickets 50 cts. each, for sale at the store of T. C. Ryan.

—D. H. Wheeler, elected Grand Master, C. A. Speice Deputy Grand Master, L. O. O. F. of the State, at the annual session last week. H. J. Hudson was elected Most Worthy Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment.

—Two young lads were charged, Monday morning, with the theft of thirty-five dollars. We forbear publishing the names in the hope that, being the first transgression, they may themselves see the error of their ways, and do better.

—Prof. Aughey predicts that the grasshoppers have run out and that no further trouble need be apprehended from them, as recent observation and investigation show that all efforts to deposit their eggs this season have proven futile.

—The cause of the fire at the Lindell House last Monday night was from the use of poor oil. Head Light Oil, 175¢ fire-test, will not explode, and is recommended by all insurance companies. The place to get it is at Rasmussen & Schram's.

—John Thurston and J. C. Cowin of Omaha, who have been for some time endeavoring to speak with M. L. Hayward, at different points along the U. P. road, failed to put in an appearance anywhere, to the disappointment of a considerable number of people, who heretofore have had a favorable opinion of them.

—Robert Wilken, of San Buena Ventura, California, an old acquaintance and friend who has been in the bee business for some time at his distant western home, has shipped a large quantity of honey to Liverpool, England, where he purposes going in person to dispose of it.

—Jno. Huber, the auctioneer, tells us that the stock sale at Franz Hengler's, Tuesday last week, was a decided success, and as good a one as was ever held in Platte county: cows brought from twenty to thirty-two dollars; two-year-olds, averaged \$26.75; heifers \$18 to \$25.

—We learn that a herder and his horse were burned up on the prairie in one of the recent fires, and that his wife was so badly injured by the fire that she will certainly die. We have not been able to ascertain names nor locality, except that it occurred somewhere on Shell creek.

—A. Myer, of Elkhorn, shipped from this point last Saturday four car-loads of fat hogs, about one half of which were purchased in Madison county, and the balance from the yards of E. J. Baker of this city. Mr. B. informs us that four of the lot which he sold, weighed 1700 pounds.

—Just as it ever was, and probably will be, the prevailing weather is wondering what kind of weather we shall have this winter, and looking out for fuel. Weather prophets are not so numerous as formerly, and you will scarcely find a man who dares presume to prognosticate for the coming winter weather.

—The race between Lorenzo Clark's gray and the Tekamah horse came off on Saturday as announced though not as originally made, the backer of the gray, Fred. Robar, losing the forfeit. A race was finally made for six hundred yards with ten feet advantage at the outcome for the gray, and was won by him by about twenty feet.

—Fatal accidents to human life are among the appalling calamities that result from prairie fires this fall. Louis Middleton, a man living on the Looking Glass, in Looking Glass precinct, was burned to death on Thursday last, while assisting in an attempt to save the property of his neighbor, Geo. Nickner, whose personal property, with the exception of his house and furniture, was entirely destroyed.

—The Republican party, as a party, and its individual members, as citizens and business men, are in favor of regulating railroad tariffs by law, and of acting justly by all public interests, notwithstanding the wild assertions and vagaries of a few soreheads in the State, who didn't succeed, under cover of a "howl," in capturing conventions for their selfish purposes.

—One hundred and twenty-five head of steers, the property of Q. Bruton, of Fremont, purchased of Baroldwin & Reynolds, were quarantined in R. H. Henry's yard through the night of Friday last. They were being driven to Fremont where they will be fattened by Mr. B. for the eastern market. They were a fine lot of steers, averaging, we were informed, 1200 pounds a head, and were purchased at 25¢ cents a pound.

—Dr. R. O. Reynolds of Geneva Lake, Wis., an old friend of S. O. Raymond, arrived here Friday evening, for a conversation with him on Saturday he told us that he didn't know of another man, for whom he would leave his work and go six hundred miles to see. He says that we, Mr. Raymond's new acquaintances, can not know him as he does, nor appreciate his kindness, generosity and large liberality, as shown among his old acquaintances in former years.

—Now has come the time for bets on the result of the election. A few days ago one of our citizens made a bet of ten dollars that one of the candidates for senatorial honors would be elected. The money was put up when the party proposing the wager started off, snapping his whip to tell his friends how badly he had scooped a democrat, and in making up his state of votes by counties he stated that Platte would give 100 majority against his man. Butler county would give 200 majority for his man. He then remarked that the county of Butler was not in the district, when the whip went under his arm, and off he put to find his man to withdraw his bet. Said democrat could not see it, when the man of the whip said, "Well, Jim, it's just the kind of a man, go and get your money."

—The Democracy held their Senatorial and Elector conventions last Saturday, nominating as their candidates for Senator, H. C. Wright of Colfax county, a business partner of Hon. Frank Folda, and said to be a very estimable young man. Henry T. Sperry was nominated for representative for the 31st district, coming from Platte county. He is the present representative of this county, elected last year to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Guy C. Barnum, Jr. It is hardly a supposable case that Mr. Sperry expects to be elected in the next district, as he stands the situation fully, and we believe is not to be hoodwinked by anybody, so far as being nominated for reelection and mere harmony is concerned.

—A complaint comes to us from a heavy tax-payer for the support of schools in Richland precinct Colfax Co., that the school-house, built for educational purposes with the people's money, has been let to the directors to parties from another district to hold a dance, a proceeding to which many are opposed and whose opinions and wishes demand equal consideration with others who may not object, being alike to good owners and tax payers. More or less trouble is quite liable to arise, and has arisen to our knowledge, by a similar action, resulting from a diversity of opinion upon the propriety of such an act, and it appears to us that the better policy would be to keep the school-house exclusively for the purpose for which it was constructed—that of intellectual improvement and enlightenment, or at least not allow it to be used for an object that is radically antagonistic to the main object, and in such a light do many view dancing.

—Hon. M. L. Hayward of Nebraska City addressed a meeting at the Opera House last Sunday evening. He is a man of commanding presence, and at once wins the confidence and admiration of even his political opponents by the evident sincerity of his opinions and his candor. His remarks were very well directed to the political issues, combating the theories of the Nationalists on fiat money. He showed how the currency of a country may be kept at par with gold—the standard of the commercial world; how government notes, or promises to pay are valued, according to the faith of the commercial world in the ability and the willingness of the government to fully redeem her promises to her creditors. The question of finance was very clearly and fully, yet concisely discussed. He showed the hearty satisfaction of all Republicans and hard-money Democrats, present. He entreated the Democracy to consider the situation, that the head of their party was in the South, and it was evident that what they wanted was political power, the Democratic party north had nothing specially to hope for from the southerners, and they should now join Republicans as they had formerly done, when the life of the government was threatened by armistice. Mr. Hayward's speech was an admirable one, in argument and sentiment, pith and point, and Columbus will give him a large audience whenever he shall appear hereafter. He was followed in a few well-timed remarks by J. W. Cyrus Allen of Butler county and D. B. Slaughter of the Lincoln Journal, the former insisting that the Republican party has always sought for and found the first principle of political action and adhered to them through all doubt and conflict. "Gad" gave a running review of the ticket put in nomination at Lincoln, speaking fit words of commendation of all the candidates.

—Mr. J. F. L. D. Hertzman, correspondent and solicitor of the Omaha Daily Evening News, was in our city last week establishing a daily delivery by carrier. The price is only 10 cts. a week, and the paper delivered to any business house or residence by 7 o'clock in the morning, any person wishing the paper will do well to leave his name at F. W. Ott's book store.

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## MONROE CORRESPONDENCE.

The destruction of property by prairie fire in this and adjoining precinct of Genoa has been very great during this season. Poor families have lost their all, consisting of grain, hay and stock. Mr. Peterson, on Looking Glass creek, on Tuesday of this week, had fifteen hundred bushels of wheat in his granary all consumed; Mr. Zeigler lost all his grain; Louis Cedar lost a very fine span of horses, burned to death in the stable; another neighbor lost all his hogs; S. C. Osborn had five hundred bushels of wheat destroyed in the stack, and all his hay and fax. Nearly all the losers have but recently come into the state and have labored hard to get a start, but everything is consumed by the cruel tongue of fire.

Since writing the above, we learn that a man and woman were nearly burned to death, and also on Saturday last a fire broke out near Mr. Draper's, destroying the wood work of a sorghum mill, sweeping northwest, burning everything in its course.

NEWMAN'S GROVE CORRESPONDENCE. Dry! dry! dry! Windy! windy! windy! and prairie fires are the order of the day.

For the last week they have caused continual alarm and hard work. By the utmost watchfulness and exertion they have been prevented from doing any considerable damage just in this immediate vicinity. But fearful reports come to us from the adjacent country. The neighborhood of Waterville has suffered very severely, much hay and grain, granaries, harness and machinery is reported to have been burned on Union Creek, and one school house on Taylor Creek, on Shell Creek below here, Charlie Williams has lost four stacks of wheat; Dan, Holeran, a large amount of hay; Martin Rohan has lost all his hay and nearly all his grain; Hans Olson lost four stacks of wheat; James Doney has lost, according to report, every thing he had but live stock—buildings, machinery, wagon and all. Pat Doney every thing but his house, forty bushels of wheat and live stock.

S. S. Convention. The seventh annual convention of the Platte county S. S. Association convened Oct. 10th, at the Watsville school house, president J. A. Reed in the chair. After devotional exercises the constitution and minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The discussion of the first question on the programme "What are S. S. for?" was taken up, the speakers being E. A. Gerrard, J. H. Reed, Rev. J. M. Wilson, Rev. J. A. Reed and Rev. E. L. Sherman, most of them claiming that the definite object of S. S. is to bring the children to Christ and by this standard alone can we judge success. One speaker claimed that the object was to do the children good; if